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The applicant's amendment and response filed 10/11/06 is not completely responsive to the previous Office action mailed 12/27/05 for the following reasons:

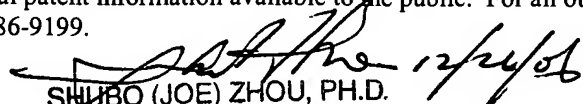
The response, while addressing other rejections and/or objections set forth in the previous Office action, does not address one rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. The previous Office action set forth that the phrase "the sequence information" recited in claim 18, line 1, lacks clear antecedent basis. There are "sequence information relating to at least one sample" and "sequence information relating to at least one reference" recited in claim 1, from which claim 18 depends. It is not clear which sequence information is meant in claim 18, the former, the latter, both or neither. The response filed 10/11/06 fails to respond to this rejection.

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